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Retracing their steps

Audit investigates troubling finances of ex-administrators

By Tim Schrag and Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As is customary during the transition between university presidents, the Kansas Board of Regents recently conducted an exit review of the office of retiring President Jon Wefald.

Currently, similar audits are being conducted at both the University of Kansas and Pittsburg State University.

Friday, the Regents unanimously voted to open the presidential exit analysis to the public. The exit analysis was conducted as an audit by Grant Thornton LLP and was published in full in the Sunday edition of the Manhattan Mercury, as well as other state-wide newspapers.

Additionally, the Regents directed President Kirk Schulz to take a series of actions related to the analysis, including providing a status report by Oct. 1 and conducting further reviews of main points outlined in the audit.

“What we want to do is use the information contained in the audit to improve our business practices,” Schulz said.

Schulz said he received the audit Friday afternoon. Over the next few months, he said he plans to meet with the President’s Cabinet, Faculty Senate, Classified Senate and Student Senate to create a working group for the purpose of addressing the concerns identified by the audit.

According to the president’s Web site, Schulz will facilitate an open forum at 3 p.m. Monday in Forum Hall.

The analysis acknowledges discrepancies found within the Office of the President, KSU Foundation, National Institute for Strategic Technology Acquisition and Commercialization and the K-State Intercollegiate Athletics Department. There were no findings in relation to the K-State Alumni Association.

“We just have to involve the right people and understand the findings and address any changes that need to be made,” said Bruce Shubert, vice president for administration and finance.

Personal inquiries were made in the cases of current and former personnel on the K-State payroll. Bob Krause, former vice president for institutional advancement and former athletic director, head football coach Bill Snyder and former athletic director Tim Weiser



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were named in the analysis for further review.

The analysis, which ran from Oct. 2008 to April 2009, makes no mention of the recent controversy surrounding Krause and his resignation from the university due to a buy-out deal between K-State and former head football coach Ron Prince.

According to the First Tee Academy biography information, Wefald and Krause served together at Southwest State University from 1977 to 1982. Wefald assumed the presidency at K-State in July 1986; within three months, Krause was named vice president for institutional advancement upon that position’s creation.

Over the course of 22 years, Krause’s role as vice president gradually involved greater responsibility to

the university. From student relations to conducting extensive work on behalf of the Alumni Association, the Foundation and Athletics Department, Krause was involved in most of the decisions and accounts reviewed by Grant Thornton.

As specified by the analysis, Wefald’s management style was to hire “good people” and to delegate to them the authority and responsibility they needed to accomplish the goals he had set for them. Therefore, rather than reporting directly to Wefald, it was found that many of the entities to be analyzed were instructed to report to Wefald through the Office of the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, concentrating a great deal of responsibility and

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Obama’s health care plan draws mixed reviews

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In his recent speeches addressing national health care, President Barack Obama promised American citizens they could keep their pre-existing health care plans if they were satisfied with them.

In an address to citizens in Green Bay, Wis., on June 11, Obama said, “I know that there are millions of Americans who are content with their health care coverage. And no matter how we reform health care, we will keep this promise: If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan.”

Gene Warren, with State Farm Insurance in Manhattan, said he does not believe Obama will keep this promise.

“There is no way the government can fund it without huge tax increases,” he said. “Plus, if you care to look at any other government organizations, show me one that is run correctly.”

Warren said that though he is worried this could take a toll on insurance companies in the U.S., he does not think State Farm or any other health insurance companies need to take any action to prepare.

“There are so many plans going through the House and the Senate that there is so much confusion as to what they’re going to do,” Warren said. “Until the public has any idea what the final decision is, there’s no need to do anything.”

Eric Higgins, finance department head, said he is not concerned about future careers of K-State finance students.

“We’re still going to have private insurance companies,” he said. “And there will be other options available for finance majors. It’s all just a matter of who you work for.”

Higgins also said he does not think adopting a national health care plan will dramatically affect the way insurance is provided or run. But Warren said it is Americans’ responsibility to keep a close eye on the situation as it moves toward reality during the next few years.

“When the final product is announced, as U.S. citizens, we’d better pay attention to what’s in that plan,” Warren said.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Commission hears requests for increased financial aid

By Rico van Buskirk
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission heard requests for monetary support from external agencies during its weekly meeting Tuesday evening at City Hall.

The agencies that made their proposals to the Commission are separate from the city manager’s oversight but rely on city financial support for their operation.

Bill Muir, assistant vice president of community relations, and Cindy Bontrager, K-State budget director, presented a request of \$488,300 on behalf of the City/University Special Project Fund.

In the past, the City/University Special Project Fund Committee was largely responsible for the upgraded lighting presently illuminating North Manhattan Avenue, directly north of Bluemont Avenue.

Muir described the work of the

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Schulz balancing roles as first lady, professor

By Erica Blaauw
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State’s new first lady has more on her mind than to promote the university as President Kirk Schulz’s wife. Noel Schulz is also joining the university as a faculty member in electrical engineering, teaching a graduate level course this fall.



Schulz

Schulz is the oldest of three children and the daughter of two EEs; her father retired as electrical engineering faculty, and her mother taught after getting a degree in elementary education. Schulz grew up “all over Virginia,” but said she is excited for the move to Manhattan in an interview with the Collegian.

Q: How do you think your family is adjusting to the move?

A: “Kirk’s really excited to finally be here. My younger son [Andrew] has been here for a week, he’s been to band camp and has really enjoyed that ... I think we’re doing pretty well. It’s been tough with part of us in Mississippi and part of us here. It’ll be nice on Aug. 9 when all three of us are up here. I moved the cat yesterday, so that was the big dilemma. She fortunately came very well.”

Q: What do you find most attractive about K-State?

A: “I actually did a seminar here 10 years ago – a colleague in electrical engineering invited me. At that point, I told Kirk I enjoyed my visit and the people, and said we should think about K-State someday. We’re really excited about the land-grant mission and a small college town where we can be a part

of the community as well as be a part of the university.

“For me, the other exciting part is that we have a great engineering program and a great power program, which is my specialty, so I can continue to do my professional work as well as be the first lady.”

Q: How do you plan on balancing your roles as a professor and the first lady?

A: “It’s going to be challenging. One of the things we’re really fortunate to have is that we have a really good staff in the President’s Office, and they can help with arranging a lot of the activities ... to interact with people and go to things as I need to. This for sure will be an experiment, but I think a lot of the activities for the first lady are nights and weekends, so it works out and won’t interfere with my teaching schedule. I’ll be teaching one class this fall, [a graduate level

class called Smart Grids, which is about the power grids for the new technologies] to break me into the process. It’ll be good so I can learn a little more about the roles and how to work with different activities.”

Q: How do you plan on expanding your electrical engineering research here at K-State?

A: “I’ve had an opportunity to write two proposals already with colleagues here, and there’s another one going in this week, actually. I’ve done some work with the Navy on the all-electric ship, and so we’re looking at trying to do some work on that. I also have a lot of interest in renewable energy and how do we create a grid where we can use renewables, wind and some of those other resources, so we’re doing some work related to that.”



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Wildcat Warm-up introduces new students to K-State

By Tim Schrag
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“Above all, don’t overlook the value of education,” said head football coach Bill Snyder as he spoke to incoming freshmen at the Wildcat Warm-up pep rally on June 13.

Wildcat Warm-up is a weekend-long program for incoming freshmen, designed to help them learn more about K-State and foster new relationships with other new incoming students.

This year, there were two warm-up sessions: the first began on June 12 and lasted until June 14; the second began Friday and ended Sunday.

“I had fun doing ev-

erything,” said Shushana Crooks, incoming freshman in elementary education. “I thought it would be a great way to meet people because I came from New York.”

Snyder was able to attend both warm-up sessions and speak to the crowds of incoming freshman.

Emily Lehning, director of new student services and assistant vice president for student life, said each warm-up session is filled with lots of activities, including a trip to the K-State challenge course, presentations and K-State lore.

“The idea is to create a three-day orientation rather than a single

day and the emphasis is to provide a sort of beginning with the university so [incoming freshman] can become familiar with it and its traditions,” said Eliot Hardin, junior in landscape architecture. Hardin is one of the directors for Wildcat Warm-up.

Wildcat Warm-up takes its origins from a student body presidential bid. Tammy Jo Osborn, former K-State student and student body presidential candidate used the idea in her platform in 2003. Though Osborn and her vice presidential candidate, Julie Quakenbush, were unsuccessful, they left their mark on K-State through Wildcat Warm-up, which was created as a

group effort with support from John O’Hare, who was the student body president at the time, along with several other K-State administrators and the approval of Student Governing Association.

The first warm-up took place in summer 2004.

Osborn said she and Quakenbush actually came up with the idea from a similar program at Texas A&M, called “fish camp.”

She gives most of the credit to everyone else involved in creating Wildcat Warm-up. Osborn attended one of the warm-up sessions this year as an alumni observer.

“It’s the other peo-



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Incoming students participate in a team-building exercise at the K-State Challenge Course as part of Wildcat Warm-up Saturday. The program helps develop relationships and K-State traditions.

ple involved that have really built the program,” Osborn said. “Emily has done so much to make it work. It’s pretty incredible to watch.”

Math pre-test helps enrollment process

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State is asking new students to do some homework before they even enroll for the fall semester. Incoming freshmen and transfer students are now required to take a mathematics placement pre-test before they show up for the traditional orientation and enrollment.

According to Emily Lehning, assistant vice president of new student services, in the past, students were asked to step out of orientation sessions to take the test and rejoin their group later after they had completed the exam.

“We thought this method was a disservice to students and too disruptive, so we’ve worked with the math department to create an exam that students could take at home, before they even come to campus,” Lehning said.

Tamara Bauer, director of orientation and enrollment, said the idea for a math pre-test started about five years ago when staff noticed that the methods for placing

new students in math courses at K-State were not always effective.

“We wanted to offer a test we developed ourselves, one that we could pair with our math classes and use to better place students,” Bauer said.

Andy Bennett, professor of mathematics and director of the Center for Quantitative Education, led the team that developed the placement exam. He said that though the testing has been going fairly smoothly, there have been several issues to work through.

“We’ve had some problems with getting students’ [electronic IDs and Web IDs] to match up,” he said. “But that’s the biggest problem we’ve had.”

Bauer said New Student Services has worked with the development team to create a test that covers a broad range of students, from those who had not completed any college-level math courses to students who have taken higher-level calculus classes. Because of this range, she said some students voiced concern when their scores

came back lower than expected. The staff reassured them this is not an absolute score and they will be working with advisers and looking at transcripts and ACT scores.

“This test is just one piece of the puzzle, and once students know that, it alleviates their anxiety,” Bauer said.

Brock Neville, incoming freshman in agronomy, said he took the pre-test before he enrolled. Neville said the test took about 45 minutes to complete and he had no problems with the system.

“The questions got harder each page,” he said. “But other than that, it went smoothly.”

Bauer said one of her biggest concerns before enrollment was that many students would ignore requests to take the test. However, she said only 37 out of 300 freshmen who attended the first day of enrollment had not taken the test.

“This low number is very manageable,” she said. “We just had the students who hadn’t taken the test use a campus computer to take it during their lunch break.”



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Paul Miller, assistant residence coordinator for Housing and Dining Services, stands in the housing area June 16 at Open House in the K-State Student Union. Miller encouraged students to get more information about Housing and Dining.

Paula Perez, junior in accounting and transfer student from Highland Community College, said she had been called and e-mailed by the university about the test but didn’t think she needed to take the pre-test because she had already taken higher-level math courses. Bennett said all students are required to take the test, but that transfer stu-

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Questionable questionnaire

Jenkins' survey misleading, overdramatic for Kansans

Saturday, I received a “2009 Congressional Survey” from the office of Rep. Lynn Jenkins, and while the survey itself is perhaps one of the most worthless documents in American history, I am pleased to report that in a pinch it will act as a wonderful makeshift umbrella.

Individuals craftier than myself might also be able to turn Jenkins’ survey into a highly sophisticated paper airplane or a decorative Halloween mask for the kids. This winter, when the cold Kansas winds blow over barren fields and into our homes, one might also be inclined to use this survey to stoke his or her fire into a roaring inferno.



CHANCE YORK

There are, in fact, many uses for the “2009 Congressional Survey” issued by Rep. Jenkins, but none of them involve the collection of accurate public opinion data from the Kansas electorate.

Indeed, the survey in question is so ridiculously misleading and methodologically flawed, Jenkins might as well break out a Ouija board and a bottle of tequila to divine Kansans’ opinions on key policy issues.

Anything would be better than this survey, which suffers mostly due to its inability to screen out – or “control for” – individuals who might not understand or who might have only a limited knowledge of the questions they are being asked.

For example, if I were to ask respondents a specific public policy question as Jenkins does in her own survey with the environmental “cap-and-trade” system question, I would first want to know how familiar my respondents were with the policy. If my respondents were not familiar with the policy – if, in fact, they knew absolutely nothing about the policy – then how could they have possibly formed an opinion on it?

The answer is they couldn’t have, and because Jenkins’ survey does not employ any “knowledge questions” which separate the wheat from the chaff – the answers of those who know exactly what they’re talking about from those who don’t – it is inevitable that an unknown number of respondents to the “2009 Congressional Survey” will be making nothing more than a series of uniformed, or partially informed, guesses. These guesses will be reported as part of a statistic in various local media – that is, erroneously reported as fact.

Even more troubling, Rep. Jenkins’ survey does not provide respondents with the option of answering “No Opinion,” “No Answer,” or “Don’t Know” to any given question. This makes it particularly difficult for a respondent to answer a question honestly if he or she does not hold an opinion on, objects to, or doesn’t know enough about a question.

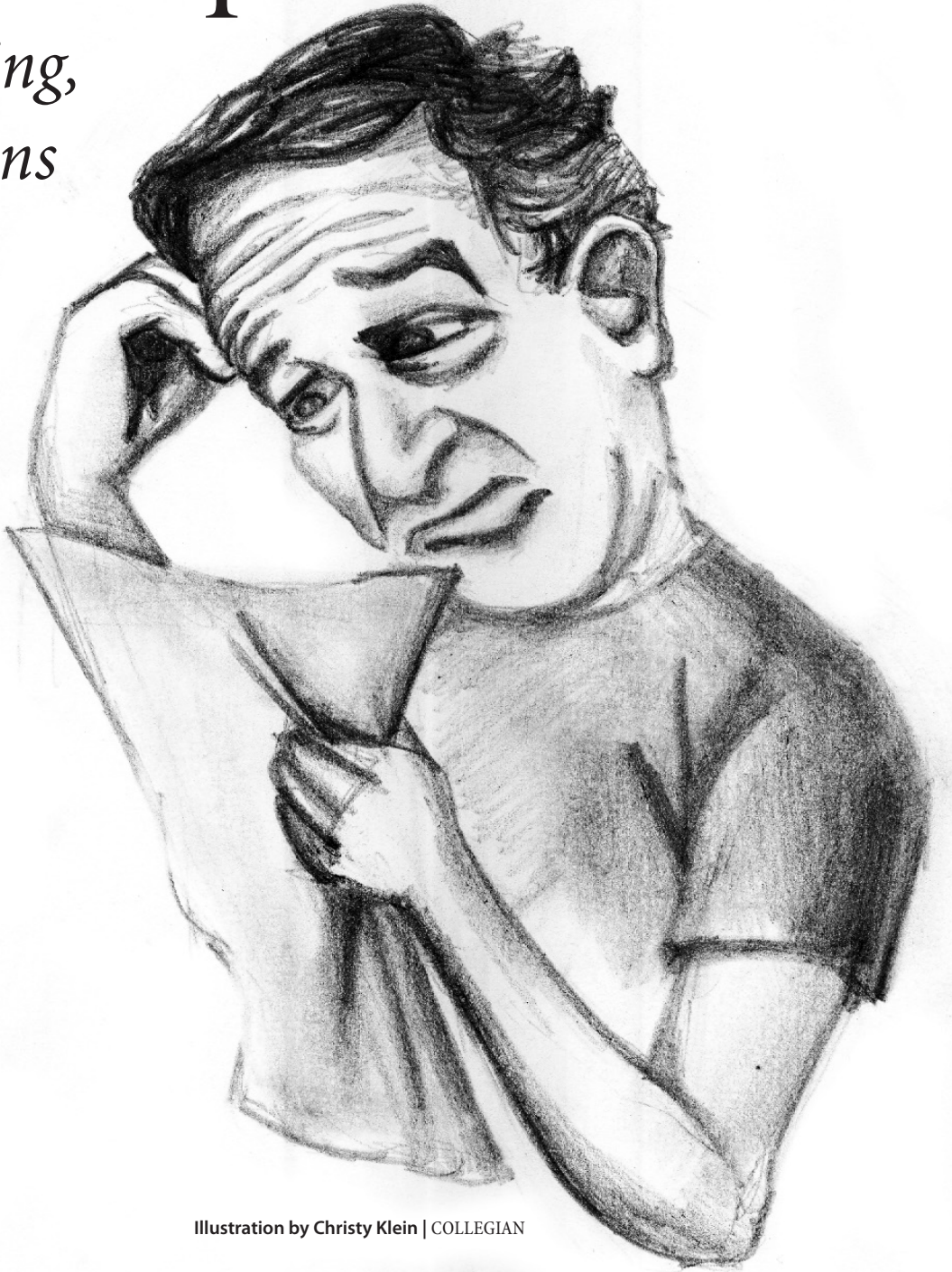


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By not providing such options, each respondent to Jenkins’ survey is forced to select from a narrow list of predetermined answers, or are occasionally asked to write-in “Other” answers to a policy question he or she might never have heard of.

Without a doubt, these are egregious flaws. Coupled with a number of leading questions including, “Do you support the President’s plan of cutting military spending for the purpose of deficit reduction even if these cuts would hurt our ability to fight terrorism and protect the American people?” with only “Yes” or “No” answers, and evocative language like “Death Tax,” they render the results of Jenkins’ “2009 Congressional Survey” skewed at best, and at worst, grossly inaccurate.

As such, any of this survey’s findings will not be representative of Kansans’ views – whether they come from a conservative or liberal, farmer or firefighter, Republican or Democrat. This survey is a waste of time and energy on the part of Rep. Jenkins and her political colleagues, as well as a waste of an unknown amount of taxpayer dollars.

On the upside, many formerly coaster-less Kansans will now have somewhere to place their soft drinks without making a complete mess.

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Athletics has lost sight of students, financial realities

As history is bound to repeat itself, one would think that other things would be bound to repeat themselves as well. Look at tuition prices. K-State students paid \$69.65 per credit hour for in-state tuition in 2000. Students now attending K-State are paying an egregious \$198.47 for in-state tuition. This increase in price has not been because of inflation, it is because more people are striving for more education.

As more students attend state schools and the same amount of money is spread even thinner, tuition prices will continue to rise.



NATHANIEL LARUE

Kansans must ask themselves if education is something that they support or if education is yet another waste of taxpayer money.

Yet as this crisis continues in our state schools, another one has been simmering in the background for years. A crisis, while not directly linked to the tuition problem, stands at the core of the solution. I bring to the forefront recent revelations of an audit at K-State, and payments to multiple corporations controlled by former and current coaches and athletic directors.

The money that was signed away in an instant could have provided, at the very least, some relief for the thousands of students that attend K-State each semester. Some of these students struggle with paying their bills and struggle even to go to school. But coaches and athletic directors are receiving

payments from the athletic department that could fill up a swimming pool with money. There is no reason for them to stop now. Sadly enough, many of these people were and still are respected members of the K-State community.

The only reason for the athletic department to stop paying such outrageous sums of money, other than to be an upstanding institution, would be for the good of the university. The university is currently tarnished by these payments and is trying to crawl out from under the weight of the shame they are bringing upon K-State’s students and alumni. Many people used to think of K-State coaches and athletics as honorable and worthy of pride, but that does not seem to be the case anymore. It seems today that it truly is

all about the money.

I demand that the athletic department end its practice of paying employees scandalous piles of money after they have been fired or dismissed. I ask that athletic donors do not look toward the athletic department to give money but instead look toward the actual university and spend their money there. Most of that money would be better spent on students’ educations than on coaches’ houses or travel expenses. That money would be better spent on people who will support our university in the future rather than leach from its coffers today.

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New administrators working for change in wake of audit

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian’s official opinion.

It’s been a rough month for K-State students, employees, alumni and fans. Just after the storm surrounding a secret, multi-million dollar deal between former football coach Ron Prince and former athletic director Bob Krause began to subside, the Kansas Board of Regents voted Friday to release an audit of university finances that is

anything but flattering.

These reports of suspicious “irregularities,” which are bound to frustrate even the most loyal fan, are even more disheartening in this economic climate. However, Wildcat students and fans should be encouraged by the way a new K-State administrative team has responded to what can be described as a public relations challenge.

Instead of pointing fingers and denying responsibility, President Kirk Schulz and Athletic Director John Currie have repeatedly voiced their determination to make positive changes and move forward from their predecessors’ actions.

Despite being in office for only a few weeks, both men have shunned the option of “no comment,” traveling the state for Catbacker events and reassuring weary alumni that a new era of fresh ideas and financial transparency is on the way.

The audit, which also casts former athletic director Tim Weiser, just-retired President Jon Wefald and once-and-current football coach Bill Snyder in a questionable light, is certainly not worthy of a K-State highlights reel. Still, it’s important to realize that almost all of the figures singled out in the report are no longer at the university.

With a new president and A.D. already in place, and the search for a new provost underway, change is not just a promise in Manhattan this summer – it’s a reality.

So take heart, Wildcats of all ages. These trying times won’t last forever, and K-State administrators have adopted an open-minded, willing outlook designed to address our most pressing concerns. They seem intent on learning from others’ mistakes and crafting new expectations for their own tenure – an attitude that just might be the silver lining in a purple cloud that has already produced a number of torrential thunderstorms.

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Switzer camp promotes football, ‘rural life values’

By Jesse Riggs
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The young men of the Veryl Switzer Back to History Camp experienced firsthand an inspirational speech from K-State football coach Bill Snyder and toured the Vanier Sports Complex Monday.

Snyder encouraged the boys to surround themselves with people who want to make their lives better and to be wary of those who look cool and care only for themselves. He gave them the same advice he said he gives his football players: to try every day to become stronger in their faith, stronger with their families, better people, and better students.

The young men ranged in age from fifth- to 11th-grade and were from Kansas, Texas and Arkansas, as well as Chicago and Denver.

The tour and speech were just two events during a week designed to show inner-city boys the campus and farm life that helped make Veryl Switzer, a football and track star at K-State, such a success. Other events included an archaeology lecture and dig, activities at Peters Recreation Complex, a camp cook-out and old-fashioned games.

This is the first year

for the Back to History Camp, which was organized by Switzer and JohnElla Holmes, instructor of American ethnic studies and coordinator of minority recruitment and retention in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Holmes said that it has been a dream of hers and Switzer's to establish a camp that linked K-State and historic Nicodemus, Kan., where both she and Switzer grew up. Nicodemus was founded by ex-slaves after the Civil War and is now a national historic park.

During the week, the boys will get to meet Switzer and possibly help with the wheat harvest on his farm, which Holmes said is on land originally settled by Switzer's great-grandparents.

According to the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, as a football player at K-State, Switzer was a second-team All-American in 1951 and 1952 and a first-team Pro Football Coaches All-American in 1953, among other honors. Switzer played for the Green Bay Packers for two seasons after being the fourth player selected in the 1954 NFL Draft.

As a track star at K-State, Switzer was the Big Seven indoor long jump champion in 1952.

New Beach exhibits to highlight June 2008 tornado destruction

By Justin Moss
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

To commemorate the devastation caused by tornadoes that hit the area last June, the Beach Museum of Art has scheduled an open house event titled “Blown Away.”

The open house will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday and is free for all ages. “Blown Away” coincides with two photography exhibits on display entitled: “Destruction Framed: Photographs of the Chapman/Manhattan Tornado, June 11, 2008,” and “Larry Schwarm: Greensburg after the Storm.”

“People are more than welcome to bring their own photographs to share with others who have gone through similar experiences with the devastation of tornadoes,” said Kathy Scott, business and marketing director of the museum. “You can either donate your photos to the

museum or we can copy them to make a decorated collage of photos.”

Art supplies will be available to decorate the collage, which will be displayed at the event.

Art therapist Nanette Stark will be present to help guide participants and assist them in interpreting their experiences through the use of their art and photographs.

Along with different art activities, the museum is planning to offer games for children and refreshments including funnel cakes and tornado punch.

Caitlyn Muret, public relations and marketing intern at the museum, said there will also be a giant game of Twister for visitors to see how twisted and tangled they can get.

People who want more information about the open house activities or any of the exhibits on display can contact the Beach Museum at 785-532-7718.

Architecture students place 2nd in urban design competition



By Melissa M. Taylor
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The work started simply as John Perry's master's project and report for the Department of Landscape Architecture/Regional and Community Planning and turned into a national recognition for K-State when Perry, third year post-graduate in landscape architecture, and his team took second place out of 90 teams in the Urban Land Institute's Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition this past spring semester.

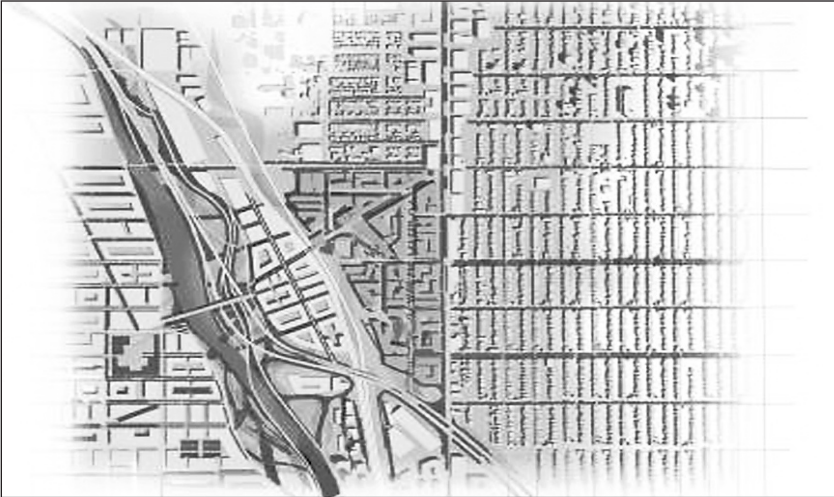
Perry's team consisted of Bryan Zundel, first-year graduate student in regional and community planning; Anthony Fox, fifth-year student in landscape architecture; Chris Morton, fifth-year student in landscape architecture; and Junbin Feng, graduate student in business administration. They worked together to design a project that focused on redeveloping a 75-acre development south of downtown Denver from a suburban retail center into a vibrant, high-density, mixed-use urban development.

“The most difficult part was developing a scheme that responded to the complexity of the site in a relevant and meaningful way within such a short time frame,” Perry said. “The long hours were also very difficult.”

The team worked hours into the night for 15 days to complete the initial phase of the competition. Once they were selected as finalists, group members had an additional month to expand and refine their original design.

“Each stage required an unbelievable amount of work,” Zundel said. “We pretty much lived and breathed this project. The days were long. It felt like this whole past semester was straight work from the time we woke until the time we fell asleep. But despite the hours and stress entailed, it was a great time.

“The most challenging part was try-



COURTESY PHOTOS

A team of K-State students recently won second place in a national competition with these urban design plans. The contest required groups to redevelop a 75-acre suburban Denver retail area into a mixed-use urban development.

ing to meet the demands of being a full-time graduate student. Teachers still expected the same level of work and rightly so. I remember one night coming home at 3 a.m. from working on the competition and having to type a lengthy paper. It was quite the challenge forcing words out of a mind that had run nonstop for almost 24 hours straight.”

Team members said the work they put into the project paid off in the end, and they also developed strong bonds with each other along the way.

“There were so many positive aspects of the competition,” Perry said. “Working with the team that we had and really pushing ourselves to the limit was an experience that I will not forget.”

Not only did the team assemble a project that the jury, a group of nationally prominent designers and developers, called “compelling,” “beautiful” and “spectacular,” but they also brought recognition to K-State in a whole new way.

“Our landscape architecture stu-

dents and faculty have been nationally recognized for several decades; however, recognition by the Urban Land Institute establishes our university and department in a new arena,” said Stephanie A. Rolley, team co-adviser and professor of landscape architecture/regional and community planning. “I think the team's accomplishment reflects the new possibilities presented with our new non-baccalaureate landscape architecture master's degree.”

To Perry, K-State's recognition in the competition spoke volumes to the education available at the university.

“Being in the finalist group meant that the education received here at Kansas State has equipped us to deal with the complex challenges associated with real-world design projects,” he said. “It also reinforced the belief that we hold here that the work we do stands up against the best students, from the top schools across the nation, and that Kansas State belongs in that group.”

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Local radio station offers ‘encouraging’ music, programming

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When the old transmitter finally went out at his radio station last Memorial Day, Jerry Hutchinson knew it was time to take action to save what he had worked so hard to build.

KHCA-FM 95.3 or, as most locals know it, Angel95, is a contemporary Christian radio station, according to Jerry, who has been running the station since it first opened in 1990. His son, Daniel Hutchinson, and nephew, Matt Brown, also work for the station and grew up around radio.

“Since [Jerry] was always up here working on this place, I got to know the business a little and was interested,” Brown said.

Jerry, who recently celebrated his 40th year in radio, explained that when the old transmitter stopped working, Angel95 lost touch with most of its audience past a 40-mile range. With new equipment, it could reach people further away, from Topeka to Lawrence.

The station’s office, located at 103 N. Third St., Suite A, is not what visitors might expect at a contemporary radio station. One large, high-ceilinged room is separated into four by a thick wooden divider, and countless old music posters from several decades and artists are taped and tacked to the walls. The office is a throwback to earlier years, with vintage, vinyl couches and yellowed photos, comic strips and newspaper clippings scattered around as decorations.

Though the station usually employs five people, Jerry, Daniel and Brown are



The full-time employees of Angel95 **Matt Brown, Daniel Hutchinson** and **Jerry Hutchinson** sit together in their main studio Friday. Angel95 has been in operation in downtown Manhattan since 1990.

the only full-time employees who work there most days, and it shows. Each has his own personality, but all have a subtle energy, talking quickly with bursts of laughter in between. They are interested in people’s stories, often stopping what they’re doing to ask questions and make visitors feel at home.

“This is not your typical workplace, it’s a pretty relaxed environment,” Brown said. “And it might not always seem like it, but a lot of work does get done around here.”

Several offices and two studios, all lined with foam to help with acoustics and sound accuracy, house the equip-

ment the staff uses to run the station and send out their music to Manhattan and surrounding areas.

“We’ve found that a lot of people who aren’t even Christians listen to us,” he said. “I think it’s just so positive; you can always be encouraged by the music.”

Brown and Daniel said it’s important to the station not only to reach as many people as possible with a new transmitter but also to share their message of Christ’s love.

“On our own, we will never be able to pay for this, but we know that God will take care of it all,” Brown said.

LISTENER APPRECIATION DAY

- 3-10 p.m. Friday at University Christian Church parking lot, 2800 Claflin Road

- There will be a carnival featuring bounce houses, scavenger hunts, live music, a silent auction and activities for all ages.

- If you want to get involved with Listener Appreciation Day or Angel95, contact angel95@kansas.net or check out its Web site, angel95fm.com.

- For college-age listeners, tune in from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. for the “Late-Night Mix,” featuring Christian rock/alternative music from popular musicians as well as many up-and-coming local artists.

-Source: Jerry Hutchinson, owner, Angel95

New Kings of Leon album aims to earn listeners from every genre

“Only by the Night”
★★★★☆

Album review by Bethany Fief



The Kings of Leon’s fourth studio album “Only by the Night” is a funky, fabulous mix of Southern-rock sound with twangy vocals and deep lyrics.

The Kings’ popularity has boomed across America, stealing fans from all music genres.

The band is as close as a family – literally. They are made up of three brothers and their cousin.

The Kings of Leon appeal to rock fans with a strong guitar presence and a laid-back vibe. They also reach country fans with the Skynyrd-like Southern dirty country sound. They are accepted by alternative listeners with their enjoyable lyrics.

After the release of “Only by the Night” in September 2008, the band landed the ultimate recognition in America’s pop culture world – a cover on *Rolling Stone* magazine.

The first single, “Sex on Fire,” stormed the charts, reaching No. 1 on the United Kingdom and Australia’s singles charts. The song swings to a sexual, groovy vibe.

The track “Use Somebody” could easily be the catchiest tune on the album.

The relatable lyrics mixed with amazing crooning vocals creates the perfect song.

“Be Somebody” has awesome drumbeats and a fast tempo that make for a great sing-along. The feel-good lyrics are motivating and flow easily.

Overall, the band has a great sound, but the album “Only by the Night” needs a bit more variety in the tempo and vocals.

With this band’s talent, members could have easily added a soft ballad that shows vulnerability and adds tension. Still, the Kings of Leon deserve their spot on the throne of today’s music.

MY LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

An ode to Scott: Stars, keys, and wanderings

The movie had ended. We sat silent, motionless. After a few moments of watching the credits roll, Scott asked, “Are you crying?”

“Yeah,”

I muttered.

“You?”

He

laughed,

“Oh yeah.”

Seven

Pounds. It’ll

get you, too.

With

Scott mov-

ing out, I fig-

ured I’d give

a short ode by

reminiscing a bit. I narrowed

it to two stories. The first in-

volves him being lost on foot

around 4 a.m. with his feet

bleeding and having no clue

where he or his shoes were.

Each attempt to get back home

took him farther away. I had to

go find him on foot. Eventual-

ly a phone conversation about

stars led to yelling in a panic,

“Stars!? There aren’t any

stars, man! I’m sitting right

under the effing sun!” Four a.m.

There were a few expletives in

there I’ve left out, but you see

his frustration ... and confu-

sion. I found him seconds later

lying underneath a street lamp.

Another night, we had

been out to the bars and he

ended up coming home before

me. After a long struggle to un-

lock the door with his car key,

he conceded and sat hunched

over in the lawn chair in front

of our neighbors’ door. Upon

arriving home, our neighbor

Michael found Scott passed

out and, waking him, asked for

his key. Again, insisting the car

key was correct, he held it out,

arguing. Generously, Michael

let Scott into his apartment,

where he made a bed for him

on their ample couch. I say

“ample” because I want you to



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understand how perfectly comfortable this couch would be to sleep on. It was huge and quite pillowy. Maybe better than my bed. Get it? It’s a nice couch.

Michael then goes to the bathroom and returns to find Scott gone – nowhere to be seen. Vanished like a ghost?

Maybe. Michael was certainly hoping ... I came home a while later and went to bed. Scott’s door was shut. In the morning my phone rang. It was Scott.

“Come unlock the door.”

I let him in and sat down to hear the rest of this story.

“I woke up to John apologizing to me, gently rocking my shoulder back and forth,” Scott told me. John was Michael’s roommate – the sweetest, gentlest, softest man you’ve ever known. You would not be surprised to see him knock on your door in the morning with a plate of pancakes and a carafe of orange juice. Seriously. A sweetheart. He’s the kind of person that you would feel badly about disappointing.

Scott continued, “Sorry, I have to get ready for church.”

“What did you do?” I asked.

“I said, ‘It’s all right, man, go ahead,’ and rolled back over,” Scott explained. “I tell you what though, man, John – John’s got a nice bed.”

“Of course he does.” If you knew him you’d expect it, too. So, Lord knows where John and his fiancée slept that night, but clearly a drunken Scott never minded. It’s like Hemingway says in “A Moveable Feast”: “This continued for years but, for years too, I had no more loyal friend than Scott, when he was sober.”

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4 Wildcats named to Track and Field All-American team

By Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Finishing up the season at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the K-State track team saw one of its best years yet this spring.

The men's team placed 13th with its best showing since 1998, when it finished tenth.

Four K-State athletes were named this year to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-America team: sophomore Moritz Cleve and seniors Jason Collett, Loren Groves and Scott Sellers. This is the first time since 1998 that the men's team has had three or more All-American honors.

Cleve received the outdoor award for the first

time, giving him two total All-American awards at K-State. He placed third in the decathlon for the outdoor honors while placing for his performance in the indoor heptathlon.

Collett placed ninth in the outdoor 800 meters, finishing his career strong with his first showing in the NCAA Championship.

Groves adds a fourth All-American certificate to her already strong repertoire. Finishing seventh in the hammer throw, she got her second outdoor honor with two already for the indoor weight throw. Groves was announced to the ESPN Magazine Academic All-America team this year and graduated with a degree in education and a GPA of 3.76.

Sellers won the



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Senior **Scott Sellers** soars over the high jump at a track meet in April 2008. **Sellers** was named to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-America team this year.

NCAA high-jump championship to finish his sweep of the indoor and outdoor games. With his selection

to the team again, Sellers has compiled eight All-American titles in four years in both indoor and

outdoor – the first and only athlete to do so in one event.

With a 3.63 GPA

in finance, Sellers was also named to the ESPN Magazine Academic All-American Track team.

Kansas custom harvesters to lose wheat income due to southern freeze

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The drought and freeze that affected Texas and Oklahoma earlier this year are now taking a toll on Kansas.

Kansas custom harvesters, who normally start their harvest season cutting in Texas and Oklahoma and follow the harvest north, are choosing not to travel south due to the poor crop reports coming in, said Allan Fritz, professor of agronomy. Fritz said the extremely dry winter and spring in Texas along with the severe April freeze in Oklahoma and Sumner County are what caused the crops to wither.

“This will have a negative affect because there will be a loss of revenue,” Fritz said. “But Kansas is still the big wheat state, and harvesters will have a

fair opportunity to recover.”

Fritz also said the Kansas harvest looks average this year, between 35 and 40 bushels per acre.

Kevin Dhuyvetter, professor of agricultural economics and co-founder of Custom Harvesters Analysis and Management Program, said he thinks Kansas custom harvesters should start searching for other local crops like corn, milo and soybeans to harvest to try and make up revenue for the losses down south.

“A lot of folks are concerned because their first stop is gone this year,” he said. “It’s very competitive – there are more combines than acres.”

This will be the first year the Kansas State Departments of Agriculture and Commerce won’t be assisting custom harvesters in matching up with farmers, said Joe Monaco, public infor-

mation officer with the Kansas Department of Commerce. He said because use of technology has increased among farmers and cutters, there is no need for a government match program.

“With the Internet, people are able to track down their own information,” he said. “But the Kansas Wheat Commission is putting up daily crop reports to help them out.”

Though work might be tight this year for custom cutters, Dana Peterson, producer policy specialist for the Kansas Wheat Commission, said she thinks Kansas harvesters will have no problem overcoming the poor year.

“Custom harvesting has been around for decades,” she said. “They seem to have a very good knack for riding out the highs and lows of the business.”

South Florida QB joins football team

By Aaron Weiser
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Head football coach Bill Snyder has announced that former University of South Florida backup quarterback Grant Gregory has enrolled at K-State and will be eligible to play immediately this fall.

Gregory is a recent graduate in communications from South Florida and is pursuing a graduate degree at K-State. The NCAA Subcommittee on Legislative Relief has granted Gregory a one-year extension of eligibility, giving him a sixth year

to play football for the Wildcats this season.

Born and raised in Athens, Ohio, Gregory piled up accolades as one of the All-Ohio high-school quarterbacks. He threw for more than 4,200 yards while piling up 41 touchdowns through the air.

Gregory played the last three years as backup for South Florida. In 22 games at USF, he completed 27-for-50 passes, amassing 384 yards and four touchdowns. As a secondary threat, Gregory also rushed for 130 yards on 31 carries.

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AUDIT | Athletic department part of most findings

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oversight in that office.

Wefald told the Kansas City Star Friday that he regrets giving Krause as much authority as he did.

“He did do a lot of good, but Bob had too much to do,” Wefald said in the article. “I probably delegated too much authority to him. I wouldn’t do that again.”

A majority of the findings and recommendations in this analysis are associated with the athletics department – more specifically, with the decisions made in recent years by Krause. Among those were a bank account not routed through the controller’s office, a \$500,000 loan to Weiser stipulating that no reason or justification was necessary for the loan and 13 undocumented payments in the amount of \$845,000 to Snyder, Weiser, Krause and others.

Wefald said that the most troubling aspect of the report were the missing documents for the \$845,000 worth of payments.

“I think we should do everything we can to uncover that,” he said in the Star article.

Shubert said the athletic department is its own corporation and therefore would have had its own policy on documentation keeping. He also said that changes were being made to the structure of the athletic department long before the review was released.

Shubert said a new athletic board consisting of John Currie, director of intercollegiate athletics; Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students; Mike Holen, faculty representative for athletics and dean of the College of Education; Ruth Dyer, interim provost; Charles Reagan, associate to the president; and Shubert himself, has been formed to help govern the athletics department. He said this new structure will help the board deal with the problems within the athletic department.

The analysis also outlines a deficit of \$2.4 million in the Foundation’s scholarship fund from 2007 and various monthly payments in 2005 and 2006 of \$700 to \$800 paid to RB Enterprises Inc., which were “completely unexplained,” according to the report.

The analysis directs under its primary findings that K-State has seen significant progress and growth under Wefald. With an increase in enrollment of 52 percent and 2.2 million square feet of new buildings and renovations, the analysis also acknowledged other notable accomplishments under the Wefald administration.

Gospel music highlights 20th-annual Juneteenth

By Melissa M. Taylor
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Gospel music resonated from Manhattan’s City Park Friday night as residents of all ages gathered on the lawn and bleachers to lift their voices and hands in praise and to kick off the 20th-annual Juneteenth Community Festival.

“It’s just amazing, especially in a community that is not as diverse as Manhattan is, to acknowledge the emancipation of slavery and continue to acknowledge that for 20 years,” said Cathy Hubbard, Juneteenth planning committee member. “I am extremely proud of the community for coming together and continuing to celebrate.”

Children chased one another, danced on the lawn and clapped, whether their hands were in time with the beat or not. Adults listened with smiles on their faces, lifted their hands and sang to celebrate freedom and God’s grace.

“It brings us back to our roots,” Hubbard said. “Gospel is about spreading the good news and to me, that is through Jesus Christ.”

Hubbard said although the gospel praise was most important to her, she truly enjoyed seeing all parts of the community together.

“We come together to celebrate that slavery ended,” Hubbard said. “It’s a celebration of diversity and community. It’s not an African-American celebration – it’s a community celebration. It doesn’t matter what church you’re from or what race you are, we just come together and celebrate.”

Performers of all ages from Manhattan Christian Fellowship Church, Mount Zion Family Worship Center and Fellowship Temple were involved in the festival. For 16-year-old Nahshon Hall, step team leader for MCF, the night offered him a chance to catch up with friends and rejoice with them.

“You don’t necessarily see these people everyday, and it’s a wonderful thing seeing them here and giving praise to God,” he said.



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Dannieka Price and her daughter **Sidney**, both members of Mount Zion Family Worship Center in Manhattan, sit together in the bleachers as community members sing and worship to the song, “On Time God” Friday evening in City Park. Music drifted through the air as the 20th anniversary of the Juneteenth celebration in Manhattan began with a gospel festival that attracted participants from three area churches.

CITY | University could make improvements with additional funding

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committee as “mutually beneficial” for the city and the university.

Their request for the upcoming year includes money to be used in converting the former USDA Wind Erosion Lab into a new facility for the sorting and processing of K-State recycled materials.

John Woods, director of facilities, told the Collegian in May that such a building would allow the recycling staff to more efficiently prepare recycled materials for sale in markets beyond the Manhattan community. This flexibility would

allow the university to sell materials to buyers at a potentially higher price than locals are willing to pay.

Citing persistent student concern, Commissioner Jayme Morris-Hardeman urged the City/University Special Project Fund Committee to consider plans to improve street lighting in the neighborhoods directly surrounding Aggieville.

The American Transportation Agency, which presently serves Riley County on a call-in dispatch basis, presented a proposal to supplement rider fares and its recently awarded federal stimulus funds.

“The opportunity to go to fixed

route [transit] has ramped up considerably,” said Commissioner Bruce Snead.

The ATA plan could put buses on a fixed route service as early as fall 2010. The initial routes have not been finalized, but initial layouts have stops around campus. Around 22 percent of individually dispatched ATA Bus trips either originate or end at K-State.

A fixed route transit system could alleviate transportation worries students have for the impending discontinuation of the bus line from the KSU Foundation building to the K-State Student Union. This bus line

will discontinue service upon the opening of the Union parking garage, which is still under construction ten months after its scheduled completion.

Student Body President Dalton Henry said the initial figures of university support for a transit investment were around \$500,000 to \$350,000 per year. Such an investment, though not definite, would result in a student privilege fee increase of \$15 to \$20 on average.

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